

REMARKS

This application has been carefully reviewed in light of the Office Action dated February 17, 2006. Claims 23 to 44 are in the application, of which Claims 23, 24, 27, 36 and 41 to 44 are independent. Favorable review and early passage to issue are respectfully requested.

Claims 23 to 43 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, first paragraph. Specifically, the Office Action that the alleged feature of "judgement device/step adapted to judge the entrance/exit of a person in accordance with the communication with the wireless communication terminal by a first wireless communication method" lacks support in the specification. (Office Action, page 2). The rejections are respectfully traversed.

Applicant submits that the specification as filed fully supports the above feature. For example, in one exemplary embodiment of the invention, the specification describes that:

"During the period while the user carrying the cellular phone 6 moves from the communication non-restriction area 3 into the communication restriction area 2, first a communication link is established between the ticket gate side local transceiving unit 8 and a terminal side local transceiving unit 20 by a communication protocol for non-contact IC cards (P1).

As the communication link is established, by using this link the ticket gate side local transceiving unit 8 exchanges

messages regarding electronic ticket applications with the IC card 22 (P2). . . .

After completion of the exchange of messages regarding the communication condition restriction between the IC card 22 and ticket gate side local transceiving unit 8, the automatic ticket gate 7 is opened because the electronic ticket stored in the IC card has a qualification of passing through the ticket gate and the cellular phone 6 has the communication restriction equal to or more sever than the communication restriction set by the automatic ticket system. The user of the train 5 can enter the communication restriction area 2 from the communication non-restriction area 3." (Specification, pages 11 to 14).

Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections and allowance of Claims 23 to 43 are respectfully requested.

Claim 44 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) over U.S. Patent No. 6,421,544 (Sawanda). Reconsideration and withdrawal of the rejections are respectfully requested.

Independent Claim 44 defines a control method for a wireless communication terminal having a first communication device adapted to communicate with an entrance/exit management apparatus for managing an entrance/exit of a person by a first wireless communication method and a second communication device adapted to

communicate by a second wireless communication method. The method comprises a reception step of receiving an instruction for restricting communication of the second communication device from the entrance/exit regulating apparatus via the first communication device so that the entrance/exit management apparatus manages an entrance/exit of the person, in the case where the wireless communication apparatus and the entrance/exit management apparatus communicate by the first communication method. The method also comprises a restriction step of restricting communication of the second communication device in accordance with the instruction received at the reception step.

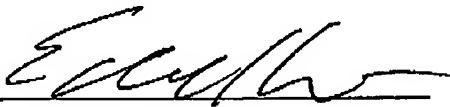
The applied reference is not seen to disclose or to suggest the features of independent Claim 44, and in particular, is not seen to disclose or to suggest at least the feature of receiving an instruction for restricting communication of a second communication device from an entrance/exit regulating apparatus via a first communication device so that the entrance/exit management apparatus manages an entrance/exit of the person.

While Sawanda is seen to disclose that a doorway base station 5 sends a control signal, and a PHS terminal 1 receives the signal and changes operational mode and performs communication control (column 9, lines 47 to 50 of Sawada), Sawada does not disclose or suggest management of entrance/exit of a person, much less disclose or suggest receiving an instruction for restricting communication of a second communication device from an entrance/exit regulating apparatus via a first communication device so that the entrance/exit management apparatus manages an entrance/exit of the person. Accordingly, independent Claim 44 is believed to be allowable.

No other matters being raised, it is believed that the entire application is fully in condition for allowance, and such action is courteously solicited.

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